

INFORMATION ABOUT SKYWATCHERS ASTRONOMY CLUB

CLUB SPONSORSHIP:

The Skywatchers Astronomy Club is based at NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia, and is one of several clubs that are sponsored by the NASA Langley Exchange Activities (an employee morale, welfare, and recreation organization).

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY, BENEFITS, AND ACCESS TO NASA:

Anyone who is at least 18 years old who pays the club dues receives certain club benefits, including: (1) participation in any club activities that do not take place at NASA (for example, our monthly meetings in Poquoson and our observing sessions in the Williamsburg area), (2) club newsletters, (3) an invitation to join the club's Yahoo egroup, (4) email announcements of all club activities, news, and other information of general interest, (5) a discounted subscription rate for "Sky and Telescope" magazine, including discounts on other Sky Publishing Co. products, and (6) inclusion of spouse and dependents as non-voting members. Full membership that includes voting privileges is limited to NASA Langley permanently-badged employees and retirees. Access to the club's activities at its observatory at NASA for people who do not have a NASA employee badge is provided by a NASA visitor badge. The availability of visitor badges varies and is dependent on the security level and other NASA policies in effect at the time. Anyone younger than age 18 should be accompanied to club activities by a responsible person who is at least 18 years old.

CLUB SIZE AND ACTIVITIES:

The club is a small (about 30 members), informal group. Regular club meetings are usually held the first Wednesday evening each month, usually at the Poquoson Library. Activities are scheduled for club members at the NASA observatory and in the Williamsburg area. Within the club membership there is a wide range of experience and knowledge levels.

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION NEEDED:

One-year membership dues are \$20.00 (or \$52.95, if an optional discounted subscription or subscription extension to "Sky and Telescope" magazine is desired). There is no membership application process. The minimum information needed for the membership roster is the member's full name, home address, telephone number(s), and email address(es); this information can be provided by telephone or email.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, TO JOIN THE CLUB, OR TO BE ADDED TO THE CLUB'S EMAIL LIST TO RECEIVE NOTICES OF CLUB MEETINGS AND SPECIAL OR PUBLIC EVENTS:

Call Marilyn Ogburn at 864-1175 or send an email message to Marilyn.E.Ogburn@nasa.gov.

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